

Senate File 2270 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 2270
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2172)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a task force related to extending juvenile
2 court jurisdiction in delinquency matters and proceedings to
3 include persons under the age of twenty-one years.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION TASK FORCE AND
2 REPORT.

3 1. The division of criminal and juvenile justice planning
4 of the department of human rights shall establish a task force
5 related to expanding juvenile court jurisdiction in delinquency
6 matters and proceedings to include persons eighteen years of
7 age or older but under twenty-one years of age.

8 2. Members of the task force shall include representatives
9 of all of the following state agencies or associations:

10 a. Division of criminal and juvenile justice planning.

11 b. Department of human services.

12 c. Judicial branch.

13 d. Department of corrections.

14 e. Office of the state public defender.

15 f. Department of public safety.

16 g. Department of justice.

17 h. Department of education.

18 i. Iowa county attorneys association.

19 j. Iowa state bar association.

20 k. Other representatives or persons as the division of
21 criminal and juvenile justice planning deems appropriate,
22 including but not limited to children and the parents of
23 children who have been under the jurisdiction of or otherwise
24 involved with the juvenile justice system and any other members
25 of the public who have experience with or insight into the
26 juvenile justice system.

27 3. The task force may consult with other public and private
28 agencies and may seek expertise from one or more national
29 organizations.

30 4. The task force shall consider the status of the current
31 law related to juvenile court jurisdiction in delinquency
32 matters and proceedings and identify opportunities and problems
33 which might arise from the expansion of such juvenile court
34 jurisdiction to include persons who have reached the age
35 of majority. The issues the task force shall consider and

1 regarding which the task force shall make recommendations
2 include all of the following:

3 a. The legal rights and responsibilities of the parent
4 of a person who is eighteen years of age or older but under
5 twenty-one years of age and subject to the jurisdiction of the
6 juvenile court in a delinquency matter or proceeding.

7 b. The age of a person at which juvenile court services
8 should cease.

9 c. The age at which a person may be under the supervision of
10 the district court as a youthful offender.

11 d. Whether a person who is eighteen years of age or older
12 but under twenty-one years of age should be placed in shelter
13 care or detention care.

14 e. Whether a person who is eighteen years of age or older
15 but under twenty-one years of age should be eligible to be
16 committed to the state training school.

17 f. Any other issues the task force determines to be
18 appropriate.

19 5. The task force shall, by December 15, 2016, submit
20 a report on its findings, including recommendations for
21 legislation, to the governor and general assembly.

22 6. The division of criminal and juvenile justice planning
23 shall provide staff assistance and administrative support to
24 the task force.

25 EXPLANATION

26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28 This bill requires the division of criminal and juvenile
29 justice planning of the department of human rights to establish
30 a task force related to extending juvenile court jurisdiction
31 in delinquency matters and proceedings to include persons 18
32 years of age or older but under the age of 21 years.

33 The bill provides that members of the task force shall
34 include representatives of the division of criminal and
35 juvenile justice planning, the department of human services,

1 the judicial branch, the department of corrections, the office
2 of the state public defender, the department of public safety,
3 the department of justice, the department of education,
4 the Iowa county attorneys association, the Iowa state bar
5 association, and other persons as the division of criminal
6 and juvenile justice planning deems appropriate, including
7 but not limited to children and the parents of children who
8 have been under the jurisdiction of or otherwise involved
9 with the juvenile justice system and any other members of the
10 public who have experience with or insight into the juvenile
11 justice system. The task force may consult with other public
12 and private agencies and may seek expertise from one or
13 more national organizations. The bill requires the division
14 of criminal and juvenile justice planning to provide staff
15 assistance and administrative support to the task force.

16 The bill provides that the task force shall consider
17 the status of the current law related to juvenile court
18 jurisdiction in delinquency matters and proceedings and
19 identify opportunities and problems which might arise from
20 the expansion of such juvenile court jurisdiction to include
21 persons who have reached the age of majority. The bill
22 requires the task force to consider the legal rights and
23 responsibilities of the parent of a person who is 18 years
24 of age or older but under 21 years of age and is under the
25 jurisdiction of the juvenile court in a delinquency matter
26 or proceeding, the age of a person at which juvenile court
27 services should cease and at which a person may be under the
28 supervision of the district court as a youthful offender,
29 whether a person who is 18 years of age or older but under 21
30 years of age should be placed in shelter care or detention care
31 or should be eligible to be committed to the state training
32 school, and any other issues the task force determines to be
33 appropriate.

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35 findings, including recommendations for legislation, to the

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